

Ground Water Levels in State Not Declining

Salem—(UPI)—Contrary to popular belief, ground water levels in Oregon are not generally declining, State Engineer Chris Wheeler said Tuesday.

His statement came in a report on a series of wells which his office is observing.

A law passed in 1961 set up a network of observation wells where the water level is measured periodically to determine ground water supplies.

Checks are now being made on 560 wells, many of them in the Willamette Valley.

Wheeler said that while in some parts of the valley the level has been lowered by summertime pumping, that winter and spring rains have been more than ample to refill the ground reservoirs.

Some Declines

The water tables have declined in some places such as The Dalles area and Cow Valley in Malheur county which have been closed to further ground water development except for domestic and stock purposes.

Waters levels also have been declining in deep wells in the Salem Heights area south of Salem and tests are being made by the U. S. Geological Survey to determine the feasibility of recharging the ground water reservoir with winter runoff from the Santiam river.

In the Fort Rock Basin in Lake county ground water levels are at a record high.



ON SHOPPING TOUR—Mrs. Sherri Finkbine, center, of Phoenix, Ariz., is accompanied by two unidentified news-women as she walks the streets during a shopping spree in Stockholm, Sweden. Mrs. Finkbine and her husband, Robert, are seeking a legal abortion, as they fear their child will be born deformed as a result of her having used the drug, Thalidomide. (UPI)

Vacancies Listed By Army Recruited Here

Master Sgt. Warren M. Long, local Army recruiter, announces that enlistment vacancies now exist in several vocational fields, including the military police corps, armored and artillery corps, engineers, signal corps, airborne, and foreign duty assignments.

Numerous vocational school courses also are available for qualified men and women. Those who want further information may obtain it at the Army recruiting station in the Medford Post Office building or by calling 772-5022.

Origin, Results of Marshall Plan For Rescue of Western Europe Traced

Editor's note: France recently repaid the last of its Marshall Plan loans — 26 years ahead of the due date. The following dispatch deals with the origins and results of that historic experiment, without which Western Europe might today be part of the Communist empire.

By HENRY KEYS

Washington—(UPI)—Fourteen years ago the United States Congress approved a plan to spend \$12 billion to help a poverty-stricken and starving Europe pull itself out of the ruins of World War II.

Surprising enough was that Congress would authorize such an outlay on the heels of this country's staggering wartime spending.

Even more surprising was the fact that the plan was cleared by the Republican-controlled 80th Congress which was at odds with Democratic President Harry S. Truman over nearly every detail of domestic policy.

spending and a host of other items.

But there was near unanimity among Republican and Democratic leaders over the need for the Marshall Plan.

Musicians Entertain At Tuesday Session

Five musicians, now featured in the current Shakespearean Festival plays at Ashland, entertained members of the Medford Rotary club Tuesday at the Rogue Valley Country club.

Musical selections popular during the age of William Shakespeare, were presented during the luncheon program. Included in the group were Marilyn Baker of Redondo Beach, Calif.; Lucille Melinat of Chicago; Judy Bjorlie, Ashland; Lynn Sohler, also Ashland; and Shanne Crouch of Boulder, Colo.

Also featured on the Rotary club's noon program was Miss Martha Louise Wyatt, Jacksonville, a graduate of Medford High school, selected to represent Oregon at the Atlantic City Miss America contest. Her parents and her chaperone, Mrs. Marjorie Green, were among the guests at Tuesday's meeting.

as the aid program quickly became known.

Only a Beginning

Actually, as time has proved, it was only a beginning. U. S. aid spread to country after country — some militantly anti-Communist and some determined only to preserve their cold war neutrality — until it now totals some \$93 billion.

Some was in the form of loans, such as the Marshall Plan credits to France. But most of it was in direct grants.

The Marshall Plan has been praised as an unparalleled experiment in international humanitarianism. It has been damned as a thankless giveaway of money better spent at home. But few would deny its influence on the course of world affairs.

The pattern for the vast aid program was set by Gen. George C. Marshall, who was one of the principal architects of Allied victory in World War II as chairman of the combined chiefs of staff and who later served as secretary of state under Truman.

"At this critical point in history, we of the United States are deeply conscious of our responsibilities toward the world. We know that in this trying period, between a war that is over and a peace that is not yet secure, the destitute and oppressed of the earth look chiefly to us for sustenance and support until they can again face life with self-confidence and self-reliance."

Some in the United States and abroad saw the Marshall Plan primarily as a weapon against the postwar surge of Communist influence in a broken and embittered Europe. Marshall disavowed any such idea.

"Our policy is not directed against any country or doctrine, but against hunger, poverty, desperation and chaos."

Unquestionably because of a combination of both motives — humanitarianism and self interest — Congress 10 months later in April, 1948, authorized the spending of \$12 billion in 18 European nations during the ensuing 3½ years.

The Europe of 1948 was largely a Europe without hope. The cream of its young manhood was dead. Its factories were in ruins, agriculture was at a standstill. Millions were unemployed. Hunger was commonplace. Clothing, shelter and fuel were scarce.

Europe desperately needed help, not only to feed itself. As food and materials flowed into Europe the drabness of life began to disappear. Men were at work again driving tractors and harvesters over the farmlands, flinging up dams in huge irrigation and hydroelectric schemes, restoring or making new roads, producing suits and socks and shoes and dresses.

Belts which had been tightened against empty bellies began to loosen, and malnutrition began to disappear along with the near starvation-diet ration books.

The price tag of the Marshall Plan was vast indeed — \$13.3 billion in all. Of this, \$12 billion was in the form of grants. The other \$1.3 billion was in repayable loans.

The Marshall Plan, of course, was only the beginning of this country's vast venture in foreign aid. All told, it has distributed more than \$93 billion overseas since World War II — \$64 billion in economic loans and grants and \$29 billion in military assistance.

Was it all worth it? There is some disagreement on that. But one writer has likened the dollars distributed under the Marshall Plan to seeds, the harvest from which is being reaped today.

And at least one result is the fact that Western Europe now is helping less fortunate nations in other areas of the world move toward the economic strength and self dignity it has attained with the help of U. S. aid dollars.

For George Catlett Marshall, if he were still alive, it would be a complete revolution of the wheel.

Professor Gives Paper On Poison

Eugene — Dr. Virgil C. Boekelheide, professor of chemistry at the University of Oregon, will present a paper on the structure of curare, the South American arrow poison, at an international meeting to be held in Prague, Czechoslovakia, from Aug. 27 to Sept. 2.

The meeting is being held under the auspices of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, the sponsoring body for all international research in chemistry.

Co-authors of the paper are Dr. David Nelson, instructor in chemistry, and Dr. Marcel Grdnic, who is at the university on leave from the Institute Rudjer Boskovic in Zagreb, the Yugoslavian equivalent of the Atomic Energy commission. Neither will attend the Prague meeting.

Title of the paper is "Structural Elucidation of the Calabash Curare Alkaloids Using Specific Deuterium Labeling and Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Studies." For several years, Dr. Boekelheide has been studying the structure of these alkaloids and attempting to find out why minute amounts of this substance interrupt the transmission of nerve impulses to the muscles, causing paralysis.

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